



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 12, 2003

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2003-0471.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE increasing the service fee for adoption
2 studies and marriage reconciliation charged by the family
3 court services division of superior court as authorized under
4 RCW 26.12.220; and amending Ordinance 6241, Section 2,
5 as amended, and K.C.C. 4.72.020.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance increases the service fee for
10 adoption studies and marriage reconciliation services from eighty to one hundred dollars
11 per hour.

12 B. These fees are authorized by the legislative authority of any county as allowed
13 by RCW 26.12.220.

14 SECTION 2. Ordinance 6241, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.72.020 are
15 each hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **Fee schedule.**

17 A. The superior court shall prepare and adopt a fee schedule charging no more
18 than ~~((eighty))~~ one hundred dollars, per hour, for:

- 19 1. Adoption services, including:
- 20 a. confirmation of birth parent consent reports in all independent nonagency
21 adoptions;
- 22 b. stepparent adoption reports; and
- 23 c. other services as ordered by the court~~((-))~~; and
- 24 2. Dissolution services including:
- 25 a. mediation and evaluation orientation;
- 26 b. mediation services;
- 27 c. conciliation services;
- 28 d. dissolution one and two party evaluations;
- 29 e. witness fees for court testimony provided by family court services staff;
- 30 f. paternity services including evaluations; and
- 31 g. marriage waivers.

32 B. The department of judicial administration, clerk of the superior court and
33 superior court, having fully complied with K.C.C. chapter 2.98, are authorized to
34 implement procedures, for cause, to waive all or part of the fees based on an applicant's
35 showing of bona fide hardship. Collection of the service fee shall be the responsibility of
36 superior court and the department of judicial administration. Should it prove necessary,

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37 the prosecuting attorney shall assist the superior court and the clerk of the superior court
38 in collection of the fees.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None